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Filed: November 26, 2001
For: **Contextual Index Based Information Soliciting Retrieval and Self-
Updating Management Systems and Methods**
Inventor: Philippe LABERGE
Our Ref: 03705.0002.NPUS00

Sir:

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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) with 11 attached references; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Philippe LABERGE

Appl. No. 09/991,947

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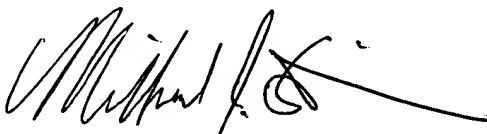
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- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under

35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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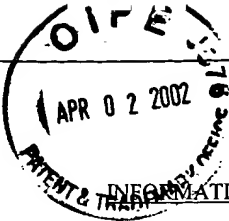
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA1	5,754,939	05/1998	Herz et al.			
	AB1	5,903,729	05/1999	Reber et al.			
	AC1	6,014,638	01/2000	Burge et al.			
	AD1	6,026,379	02/2000	Haller et al.			
	AE1	6,026,433	02/2000	D'Arlach et al.			
	AF1	6,029,141	02/2000	Bezos et al.			
	AG1	6,029,195	02/2000	Herz			
	AH1	6,055,573	04/2000	Gardenswartz et al.			
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